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I talked to Graham Martin this morning. Apparently he is being considered for some important position in the State Department and has been directed to go to Geneva and discuss it with Bedell Smith.

I took Marian Hall to lunch at Calvet's.

Margaret Biddle came to see me this afternoon. She says Pinay has entirely recovered his health and is absolutely firm in his support of EDC. We had a long talk about the deteriorating French position in Tunisia and the troubles which may become aggravated in Morocco. It is absolutely necessary that the French Government take vigorous and imaginative action in both protectorates.

Ben Moore came out to the house with me and we reviewed various matters. His leaving the Department for private business will be a tremendous loss. He is wise and understanding, and wonderful to work with.

Tonight Mimi and Henri Pagézy came to dinner. He has large business interests in Morocco and is disturbed about the French situation everywhere in Africa. However, his approach to its solution seems to me to be wrong, since it places too much reliance on coercion.

Margaret Biddle came in after dinner and we talked into the night. It seems that de la Tournelle, one of the most determined opponents of EDC in the Foreign Office, is shortly to be made French Ambassador to Spain. He is a competent man, with an accomplished and attractive wife.

The news at midnight indicated that a cease-fire in Indo-China has almost been achieved at Geneva. This should greatly enhance the prestige of Mendès-France and place him in a position to deal with other pressing problems, including North Africa and EDC. I think he obtained the best arrangement possible under the circumstances. The result will be damaging to French prestige, since it is a clear acknowledgment that the French union forces were unable to obtain

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a military victory, or even to stand off the revolutionary army of Ho Chi Minh. The sentiment in France is overwhelmingly in favor of a settlement, and is even stronger in this regard than was the feeling in the United States about the termination of hostilities in Korea

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